

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Application No. 10/685,564

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 4-17 are all the claims pending in the application. In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-2 and 4-13 are allowed. Further, the Examiner rejected claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on admitted prior art in view of Williams (U.S. Patent No. 5,956,240), further in view of Arai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,181,101), further in view of Wong et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,775,164). Additionally, the Examiner rejected claims 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on admitted prior art in view of Williams, further in view of Arai et al., further in view of Wong et al., further in view of Melchert et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,657,841).

Claim 14 is presently amended to depend from allowed claim 1 and further defines the controlling unit of claim 1. Further, claims 15-17, which depend from claim 14, are amended to improve the form of these claims. Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 14-17 are allowable at least by virtue of their respective dependency from allowed claim 1. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 14-17 is requested.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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